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ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL TALKING POINTS

1. U.S. AND CHINA HAVE A SHARED INTEREST IN A SECURE AND STABLE ASIA (TAB E)

- * Enables economic growth and prosperity, something that benefits all nations
- * Limits the impetus for weapons stockpiling and arms races
- * Peaceful resolution of territorial disputes is important to the maintenance of security and stability

2. IF RAISED: REITERATE CINCPAC POSITION ON TAIWAN (TAB F)

- * Re-enforce SECDEF position (TAB C)
- * U.S. recognizes importance of issue to China
- * Other nations in the area share our concern and support peaceful resolution
- * (If raised: deployment of carriers last March was measured and appropriate)
- * We do not support Taiwan independence, nor U.N. state membership
- * U.S. continues to support One China Policy, Three Joint Communiques

3. DISCUSS YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON

- * Asia-Pacific region will continue to enjoy President's focus
- * President committed to resourcing continued security and stability in region

4. DISCUSS YOUR RECENT TRIP TO JAPAN (TAB G)

- * The U.S.-Japan security arrangement is defensive; principles unchanged
- * Japan is not a nuclear power; constitution renounces the use of force
- * Aim is to ensure continued regional security and stability
- * Japan, like the U.S., is committed to peaceful resolution of regional differences
- * China has benefited from the success of the U.S.-Japan security arrangement

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL READING:

USDAO Beijing Personal For Message, subject: ADM Prueher Plenary Meeting with PRC MOD GEN Chi Haotian, 181035Z Sep 96 (TAB H):

Chinese Perspectives on Defense Minister Chi Haotian's Visit to the United States and Key Issues in Sino-American Relations, by Banning Garrett and Bonnie Glaser. November 7, 1996 (TAB I)

Background Papers Prepared by USCINCPAC Staff (TAB J):

- * China/North-South Korea Relations (J2)
- * China-Russia Relations (J2)

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- China-Japan Relations (J2)
- PRC Proliferation (J2)
- Freedom of Navigation Program and China (J3)
- Sensitive Reconnaissance Operations (SRO) Near the PRC (J3)
- F-16 Sale to Taiwan (J4)

Information Papers Prepared by DIA for SECDEF (TAB K):

- Restructuring Plans of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), 1997-2002
- PLA Modernization Objectives
- Chinese Views of the U.S. Role in the Asia-Pacific Region
- China's Relations with Iran
- Chinese Views of the U.S.-Japan Security Relationship
- Chinese View of China-Russian Relations
- The Military Balance in the Taiwan Strait
- PLA Views on U.S.-China Military Relations
- Chinese Views on the Korean Peninsula
- Key PLA Foreign Contacts for the Last Two Years